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Murder plot charged

Marilyn's 'lost' diary sought

LOS ANGELES — (UPI) — A private investigator offered a $10,000 reward for Marilyn Monroe's "red diary" to prove she was murdered to stop her from exposing a CIA plot to kill Fidel Castro.

"I can say with 1,000 percent accuracy that she was murdered," detective Milo Speriglio said yesterday in offering the reward.

Marilyn Monroe

Speriglio, director of the 76-year-old Nick Harris Detective agency, claims that the 36-year-old blond, whose death was ruled a suicide 20 years ago Thursday by Dr. Thomas Noguchi, was injected with drugs by a "dissident" faction of the CIA.

Dr. Noguchi is fighting to regain his post as county coroner. He was demoted recently apparently because of his flamboyant style and adverse publicity surrounding some of his cases.

Speriglio said Miss Monroe was killed to keep her from holding a news conference she had planned for the next day to disclose the plot to kill Castro.

The diary, Speriglio said, details Miss Monroe's relationships with President John F. Kennedy and his brother, Sen. Robert Kennedy — both assassination victims — as well as organized crime figures.

He said the last person to see the book was a deputy coroner, who admitted signing Miss Monroe's death certificate "under duress."

"The following morning, he (the deputy coroner) found that the diary was missing and stricken off the inventory as if it never existed," the detective added.